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 Director, Foreign Broadcast
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1. Deputy Director for
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 Room 6E45, Headquarters

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*FYI - He's being
 awfully nice lately*



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United States Department of State

*Assistant Secretary of State
for Inter-American Affairs*

Washington, D.C. 20520

June 15, 1988

[redacted]
Operations Group
Foreign Broadcast Information Service
P.O. BOX 2604
Washington, D.C. 20013

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Dear [redacted]

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It is my pleasure to write you concerning our extremely high opinion of the job being done by [redacted] and the rest of your Key West office. Your reporting is often the first word we receive of important events. It is also our primary source of information on other events of seemingly less importance but which are germane to a better understanding of the situation in the countries you cover.

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The coverage of Haiti has been particularly helpful. Your service has added an entire dimension to normal Embassy reporting. Easily-remembered examples of your valuable service range from "flash-type" reports of violence to the complete text of President Manigat's Inaugural Address.

With regard to Cuba, we have been particularly appreciative of the enhanced and timely coverage of developments related to human rights which has been invaluable to our efforts to bring international pressure to bear on Fidel Castro. We also look to Key West's "cruising" messages to keep us abreast of Radio Moscow short- and medium-wave broadcasts out of Cuba as part of our effort to monitor Cuban radio interference with U.S. stations.

You perform a very valuable service and undoubtedly don't receive nearly enough credit. I have long considered that your operation is one of the best bargains in the entire foreign affairs wing of the U.S. Government.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Elliott Abrams", written over a light-colored background.

Elliott Abrams